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Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : 5 November 1981 Meeting of the
Export Administration Review Board

1. A meeting of the Export Administration Review Board (EARB) has been called for Thursday, 5 November at 1630. The EARB is the highest level of review in the US export control structure and consists of the Secretaries of Commerce (Chairman), State, and Defense. Others may be invited as needed. In the past, the Departments of Energy and Treasury have been invited. When CIA is invited, it is represented by the DCI (or by the DDCI or DNFAC). As you know, CIA does not have a vote. The Board meets only to resolve differences in the lower level export control committees (Advisory Committee on Export Policy [ACEP] and Sub-ACEP) or to consider extraordinary cases. Differences in the EARB may be appealed to the President. The EARB has met only rarely in the past decade. ☐

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2. The EARB meeting is being held to discuss three issues: the sale of combine technology by the International Harvester Corporation to the Soviet Union; the sale of Caterpillar pipe layers to the Soviet Union and the possible sale of a second engine transfer line to the Kama River truck plant in the Soviet Union by the Ingersoll Rand Corporation. None of these cases involve equipment or technology that fall under the COCOM embargo. Indeed, none of these cases require submission to COCOM, but rather come under the US controls on oil and gas production equipment and specific US controls regarding the Kama truck plant. We will prepare a briefing package on the three cases for your review as soon as the information from Commerce is received. ☐

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